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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2023 Autumn edition of the Fen Edge News. My name is Mark Hurworth and, as the new Chair of the Fen Edge Community Association (FECA), I would firstly just like to pay tribute and thank the outgoing Chair, Lucy Dumbrell, for her hard work, dedication and commitment. Lucy has been an integral member of FECA for a number of years and the Association has continued to flourish and grow under her stewardship. She will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best with all her future plans.

My own involvement with FECA to date has largely been confined to organising the Cottenham Fun Run. I've been lucky enough to witness at first hand the benefits that are available and provided to member organisations and the wider community as a whole. It is worth stressing that events such as the *Cottenham Fun Run* and the *Fen Edge Festival* would not be possible were it not for the efforts of the volunteers that run various FECA committees. I'm very much looking forward to joining them in their efforts and expanding my involvement.

For those of you that don't know, FECA is a charity run by volunteers (including trustees and other committee members) serving the catchment area of

There are currently 70 member organisations of all kinds. Each one has the opportunity of communicating with about 7,800 households in the patch through the *Fen Edge News* and also the opportunity to apply for grants from the money raised by the Association. Membership is currently £15 per year and we're always on the lookout for new member groups.

As I write this, initial plans have just begun for the flagship event of FECA, the *Fen Edge Festival*, which is set to take place next summer. More on this to follow in future editions of the News as details are finalised but, suffice it to say, next year's festival looks set to be even bigger and better than ever.

The FECA management committee are always looking for new ways to raise money and run community events and welcome new ideas and involvement. If you feel you have anything to offer, no matter how small, please contact us – we'd love you to be part of the journey.

Many thanks – Mark Hurworth

FARMLAND MUSEUM AND DENNY ABBEY

During the holidays, we run children's craft activities with a different theme each week on Thursdays and Fridays. We finish the summer with a *Heritage Craft Weekend* on **Sunday 27 and Monday 28 August**.

If you've never visited us before and want to take a peek at what we're all about, on **Saturday 16 September** we'll be offering free entry to all as part of the national *Heritage Open Days* programme. Come along and take in our Fenland displays, explore 12th century *Denny Abbey*, or simply sit in our gardens with tea and cake from our *Docky Box Café*.

As a seasonal museum, we close at the end of October, but we finish with a packed half term of events and activities for children. Details are still to be finalised, so keep an eye on our website for more information.

The *Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey* is open Thursdays to Sundays and bank holiday Mondays 10am–4pm to the end of October. Admission is free for *English Heritage* members and *Farmland Museum Annual Pass* holders. All tickets are annual tickets, valid for free repeat admission for a year from the date of purchase.

Visit www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk for more information.

Events – 20 July to 25 August every Thursday and Friday from 10am–4pm. Summer Holiday Fun! A different theme each week, with free craft activities and a trail for children.

Sunday 27 and Monday 28 August – Heritage Craft Weekend

Saturday 16 September – Heritage Open Day, free entry for all

Thursday 26 and Friday 27 October – Half Term children's activities



What's on and when in the villages

AUGUST

Mon 24 July–Fri 4 (weekdays) Cottenham Tennis Club Summer Camp at Cottenham Sports Centre (p41)

Mon 7 7–8.45pm Willingham Gardening Club
An evening tour of Westmeadow allotments with Pete Cornish (p23)

Fri 11 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club
Drinks Party at the garden of Mick and Helen Saul in Kingfisher Way (p57)

Sat 12 11am–2pm Sustainable Cottenham
Open for Nature Day at Cottenham Village Green (p59)

Sat 19 2pm Friends of Worts Meadow
Pond dipping for all, plus butterfly hunt.
Bring wellies! At Worts Meadow, Landbeach

Sun 27–Mon 28 10am–4pm
The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey
Heritage Craft Weekend (p5)

SEPTEMBER

Sun 3 2pm Rampton '77 Committee
Rampton Relay at Giants Hill (p25)

Mon 4 7–8.45pm Willingham Gardening Club
Talk: *Plant nutrition* by Selwyn Richardson
at Willingham Social Club (p23)

Fri 8 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society
AGM and Talk: *Adventures and Misadventures in Wonderland* by Liz Milway
at Cottenham Village Hall (p29)

Sat 9 10am–4pm Tithe Barn Trust – Heritage
Open Day at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p27)

Mon 11 7.30–9pm Cambridgeshire Geological
Society – Talk: *My favourite fossils* by Dr Robert
Theodore at St Andrew's Centre, Histon (p15)

Mon 11 7.30pm Willingham Women's Institute –
Pottery Demonstration and have a go at making
something by Linda Ducland-Williams at the Social
Club, Willingham (p19)

Wed 13 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's
Institute – Talk: *An adventurous life as the wife of the
British Ambassador in Arabia* by Maggie James
at Cottenham Village Hall (p55)

Sat 16 Cottenham Tennis Club
Club Championships (p41)

Sat 16 Friends of All Saints' Cottenham – Display
about the building at All Saints' Church, Cottenham (p51)

Sat 16 9am Rampton Horse Show
Horse Show at the Parkland, Rampton (p25)

Sat 16 10am–4pm The Farmland Museum and
Denny Abbey – Heritage Open Day, free entry for all (p5)

Tue 19 5.30–9pm Cottenham Community Centre
and Sustainable Cottenham. Open Session with expert
speakers. Learn more about energy (and cost!) savings
and how to reduce our Carbon footprint (p43 & p63)

Sun 24 Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach
Harvest Festival Lunch at All Saints' Church,
Landbeach (p27)

Fri 29 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club –
Talk: *Unexpectedly Hardy* by Tim Fuller at Franklin
Gardens Community Room (p57)

OCTOBER

Mon 2 7–8.45pm Willingham Gardening Club
Talk: *Getting to grips with Pruning* by Nigel Start at
Willingham Social Club (p23)

Mon 9 7.30–9pm Cambridgeshire Geological
Society – Talk: *Shap Granite: geology, origin and
celebrity* by Dr Nigel Woodcock at St Andrew's
Centre, Histon (p15)

Mon 9 7.30pm Willingham Women's Institute
Talk: *Born in a Railway Carriage* by Wendy Fletcher
at the Social Club, Willingham (p19)

Wed 11 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's
Institute – Talk: *Life of a Tudor Lady* by Ruth Bramley
at Cottenham Village Hall (p55)

Fri 13 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society
Talk: *Sawston Hall* by Mary Dicken
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Sat 14 Cottenham Tennis Club
Family Tournament (p41)

Sat 14 10am–2pm Sustainable Cottenham
Cottenham Repair Café
at Cottenham Community Centre (p63)

Thu 26–Fri 27 10am–4pm The Farmland
Museum and Denny Abbey
Half Term children's activities (p5)

Sat 21 10am–1pm Tithe Barn Trust – Histon
Country Market at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p27)

Fri 27 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club
Talk: *Lavender Farming A Labour of Love* by Danielle
Bluff at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p57)

Sat 28 9.30am–1pm Tithe Barn Trust – Outdoor
Gym at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p27)

FEN EDGE EVENTS DIARY



NOVEMBER

Wed 8 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Talk: *the health and well-being of prisoners* by Jan Cassidy at Cottenham Village Hall (p55)

Fri 10 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society Talk: *A Natural History of Cambridge. Why is the city a wildlife hotspot?* By Duncan Mackay at Cottenham Village Hall (p29)

Sat 11 7pm Cottenham Community Centre Music Quiz (p43)

Mon 13 7.30pm Willingham Women's Institute Talk: *All about Hemp* by Gemma Fletcher at the Social Club, Willingham (p19)

Sat 18 7.30–9pm Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach – Pudding Evening at All Saints' Church, Landbeach (p27)

Fri 24 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club Talk: *A Year on a Fruit Farm* by Wendy Jones at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p57)

Sat 25 10am–2pm Cottenham Community Centre – Christmas Market (p43)

DECEMBER

Fri 1–Sun 3 Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach – Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints' Church, Landbeach (p27)

Wed 6–Fri 8 7.30pm Cottenham Theatre Workshop – Christmas Pantomime at Cottenham Village College (p51)

Sat 9 1pm Cottenham Theatre Workshop Christmas Pantomime at Cottenham Village College (p51)

Sat 9 5.30pm Cottenham Theatre Workshop Christmas Pantomime at Cottenham Village College (p51)

Sat 9 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society Christmas Party at Cottenham Village Hall (p29)

Mon 11 7.30pm Willingham Women's Institute Christmas Party with entertainment from the Burlesque Bombshells at the Social Club, Willingham (p19)

Wed 13 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Christmas Party, with the *Band of Ukes* at Cottenham Village Hall (p55)

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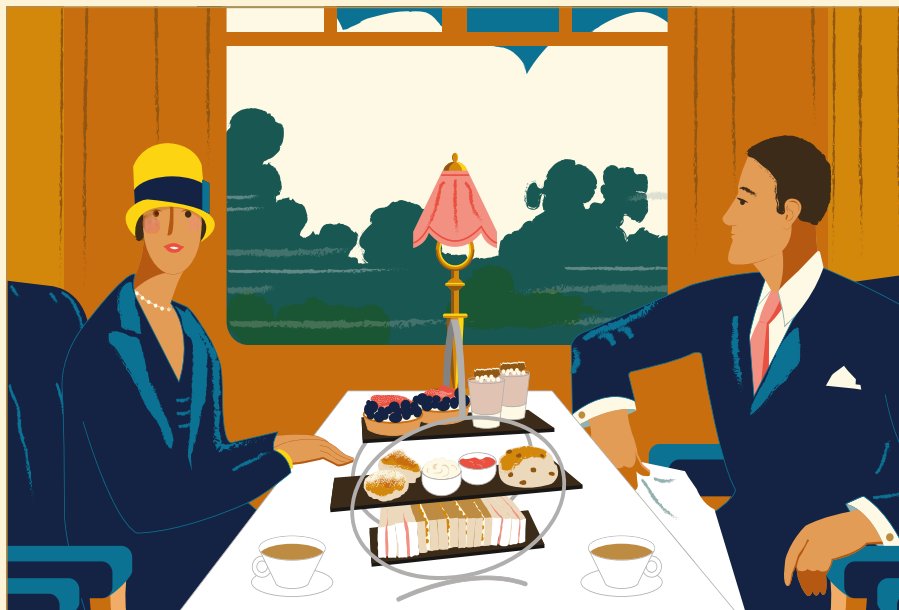
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STITCHWILD

Our members recently took the opportunity to share our knowledge with each other about felt and fibre art! Felting is believed to have originated in the Near East; and probably came to the UK via the Crusades. In Western Europe, where the techniques of spinning and weaving were well entrenched in the *Middle Ages*, felting was always secondary. It is thought that felting may have been adopted as a way of using up waste materials from the spinning process.

Felted hats were produced in London from at least as early as the 13th century. Any scraps of waste wool were stuck and matted together with waste ale or other sticky fluids to hold the wool together. Once this was done, the matted material went through a process called fulling, where it was squeezed and pounded in hot water so that the wool strands tangled together more extensively. The final products were turned into caps. As time went on, the process was refined and higher quality headwear was produced.

We found that today's process of wet felting is not that far removed from ancient practices. In our session, we used Merino wool, easily obtainable commercially already coloured and with the wool fibres aligned and straight, ready to be used in a design.

Merino wool is incredibly fine and beautifully soft; it felts well, is easy to find, and comes pre-dyed in a large range of colours; however, there are other types of wool that felt-makers may prefer. (Note: various methods are used for wet felting; everyone seems to have their favourite way, which might differ slightly; this is the process that we followed).

The wool is laid out in the desired pattern, with fibres going horizontally and vertically, onto a waterproof base. Bubble wrap works well because the texture helps the wool fibres to entangle with each other.

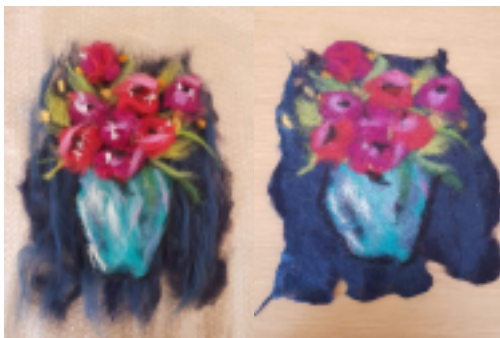
Then a light spray of soapy water is applied, and then a cover sheet of bubble wrap (bamboo mats are sometimes used) is applied and the wool is gently agitated using the fingers. This process can take anywhere from a few minutes to much longer, depending on the thickness of the wool layers, and how easily the wool fibres entangle.

Once it is stabilised, the work can be rolled up and rolled back and forth until the fibres are matted together to make a single bit of 'cloth'. The cloth is then fulling by pouring or immersion in very hot water and then banging it against a hard surface to

further encourage entangling of the fibres.

Once it is dry, it can be formed into an item of, for example, headwear or clothing, or further stitched into. Wool fibres can also be felted into a loose weave fabric in a process called nuno felting.

Using these principles, and with a little help from our friends, we were able to turn out some respectable pieces of felt in just a few hours! The general consensus was that it is a process that we are likely to use many times over! Check out these photos of felting by some of our members.





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FEN EDGE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Avrillé Again at last!

A delegation from the Fen Edge Twinning Association visited the French town of Avrillé 26–29 May this year. It was our first visit since 2019 and it was fabulous.

We were welcomed by the Mayor of Avrillé with drinks and delicious nibbles. We heard speeches from both sides recalling past achievements and outlining hopes for the future of our relationship. There was a very special moment when Bruno, one of the leading lights of the French “twinners” and their official translator, had to translate the very generous praise that was heaped upon him by the French officials as they announced his retirement.



Reception at the Town Hall. Photo: Cathy Stableford

After the reception we all went to our hosts' homes for dinner and relaxing entertainment.

On Saturday, each host found a different way of entertaining us before we came together again for



Enjoying our meal. Photo: Cathy Stableford

dinner in a very pleasant restaurant near to an ancient water mill. Very good food and lots to talk about.



Some very French picnic fun. Photo: Cathy Stableford

On Sunday, we were taken to another local beauty spot for a very French picnic lunch. We were invited to join in with games or simply explore the uncultivated countryside. In the evening, we all attended dinner parties hosted by our own or someone else's host. It was very hard having to get up early on Monday for our flight home. We all agreed we had had a very good time, we had learned a lot and we had made the world a little smaller.

We were so inspired that we have decided to resurrect our once very popular quiz night. There will be fun, food and a licensed bar, courtesy of the new *Cottenham Village Hall*. The date is fixed **Friday 29 September**. Doors open at 7pm. Other details (prices, menu, how to get tickets) are still to be decided. Please check our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/fenedgetwinning](https://www.facebook.com/fenedgetwinning))

One sad note – We could not help noticing that our average age is increasing. We have not been doing enough to encourage new members to share in the joys of twinning. Membership of the *Fen Edge Twinning Association* is FREE and is open to anyone who lives in the *Fen Edge Patch* (Cottenham, Landbeach, Rampton, Waterbeach and Willingham). For more information please email fenedgetwinning@gmail.com



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Fen Edge Orchestra is a friendly, amateur orchestra. Members come from Cottenham, the surrounding villages, as well as Cambridge and further afield.

Evan Turner directs the orchestra, under whose leadership the standard has improved steadily over the past few years. Two concerts a year are given – usually a winter concert in the warm and pleasant surroundings of Histon Baptist Church, and a summer concert in Cottenham Parish Church, where there is always an enthusiastic welcome.

The orchestra performs a varied menu of music – classics, such as Beethoven and Haydn symphonies, some early music, and some more contemporary repertoire. A lighter programme is usually devised for the biennial Fen Edge Festival.

There are no auditions to join the orchestra. Many members arrive after a long break from playing, or when they are learning an instrument and have reached the stage when they are ready to play with other people.

On our website is more information and a contact page. Interested players are invited to get in touch. If there is a place available for the instrument in question, you would be asked

to come along and join in a Wednesday rehearsal at Cottenham Village Hall. Rehearsals run from 7.30–9.30pm during school terms. If there is no place at the time of the enquiry, you will be put on a waiting list and contacted when there is a vacancy. At the time of writing, there are spaces for Strings (we'd especially love a double bass!), French Horn and Trumpet.

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Fen Edge Orchestra rehearsing in Cottenham Village Hall

ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE SOUTH

Setting up a new club and other matters

Would you like to help form a new club?

The *Rotary Club of Cambridge South* welcomes new members and would like to set up a new satellite club, which would have complete freedom of where and when to meet and what projects to get involved with. This club will be led by a young woman who lives in Histon. If you would like to know more, please do get in touch (see below)

Some of our activities

Car parking at Christmas in Cambridge – If you are a trustee of a charity, applications are now open for next year's grants from the money raised by charity car parking around Christmas – see website. If you can help (for a time slot or two on 25–26 Nov, 2–3 Dec, 9–10 Dec, 16–17 Dec and 27–

31 Dec) with the car parking, please get in touch. We need more volunteers – help to raise money for charity (£32,000 last year)

Please see the website www.cambridge-southrotary.org.uk if you would like to know more about Rotary – whose motto is “Service above Self” and theme this year “Create hope in the World.” Our main worldwide aim is to eradicate Polio world-wide within the next few years.

Our club meets on alternate Mondays (except bank holidays) 6 for 6.30pm at *Madingley Hall Cambridge* with excellent speakers. New guests and potential members are very welcome – we would love to hear from you. I would be happy to have a chat with anyone who may be interested – do get in touch.

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Memory café – This is extremely popular and is held at Girton on the first Friday of each month at 10am. See the website above for more details, including the theme for the month. It is at St Vincent's Close Community Hall CB3 0PE.

Homeless Football – This tournament for the homeless is being planned for **Sunday 17 September** at the all-weather pitches behind Abbey swimming pool. Volunteer helpers and referees are needed. Please let me know if you can help.

Peace debate – This is being planned for teams of 6th formers from local schools, after school, on **Monday 2 October** at the Leys school in Cambridge. Do let me know if your school would like to field a team of three and gain debating skills as well as knowledge of a peace-related subject.

Ukraine – In addition to supporting Rotary clubs in Ukraine to fund new shelters there, we are paying for essentials such as school shoes for Ukrainian refugees here, including several in the Fen Edge Patch. Please get in touch if your guests have such needs.

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Monday 11 September – *My favourite fossils*. Dr Robert Theodore from the *Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences* in Cambridge will be talking about his favourite fossils and specimens from the museum. He will bring some along to the meeting.

Monday 9 October – *Shap Granite: geology, origin and celebrity*. Dr Nigel Woodcock from the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge will talk about the Shap granite. Prized as a monumental stone since Victorian time, it is one of a suite of related granites either side of the closing lapetus Ocean in mid-Silurian time.

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WATERBEACH MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM



The museum tells the story of the former airfield from 1938 (when the land was bought) to 1941 (when the RAF arrived) to 1966 (when the RAF left and the Royal Engineers arrived) until 2012 (when the

Royal Engineers left). The site is now being developed as Waterbeach (New Town).

The Trustees have been exploring ways the *Duxford Radio Trust* (DRT) and the museum can work together to display some of the equipment that would have been used by the RAF and the Royal Engineers. The first exhibit is a replica of a working wireless operator's position in a Lancaster Bomber – such were stationed at Waterbeach from 1943 to 1945 with 514 Squadron. It is quite a large display, which meant we had to take the outside door off and frame out. We gratefully acknowledge the support of Urban&Civic the developers for the Waterbeach new town.



The display is interactive so visitors are able to try their hand at Morse Code. Certificates are given for successfully spelling your name in Morse! Further, the short-range radio is working and will improve

as a better aerial is erected. Members of DRT may be in the museum to explain more to the visitors. We are working with DRT on showing some of the other equipment that helped to win the second world war, such as early radar and G and GH target positioning in Lancasters.

Gee: Sometimes written GEE or just G, was the code name given to a radio navigation system used by the RAF during World War II. Gee-H sometimes written as G-H, was a radio navigation system developed by Britain during World War II to aid RAF Bomber Command and used the 'twin range principal' of location determination.

These systems allowed aircraft to bomb through the clouds. Radio systems that were used by the Royal Engineers stationed at Waterbeach will appear in future displays.

Please do visit us if you have not been before. There is no admission charge, but donations are always welcome. We have a number of old and new books on sale, including an RAF history and Royal Engineers history of their occupation of the Waterbeach Station.

Museum Voluntary Stewards – Do you have an interest in history? Interested in Military or local history, then the museum would like to hear from you. We are looking for people to join our stewarding team to explain to our visitors what Waterbeach RAF Station and Engineers Barracks was all about and to interpret the museum displays. If you feel you would like to explore joining us, please contact Adrian below.

Opening times – the first Sunday and Wednesday of the month from March to October 10am–4pm. Also, on the third Sunday all year, when there is a Community Market adjacent to the museum, 10am–3pm. Other opening times are advertised on village notice boards, social media and on our web pages. We will open for visiting groups at other times. The adjoining Community Room to the museum can be used for meetings.

We look forward to you visiting us.

Address: Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum, Building 3, Waterbeach Barracks, Denney End Road Waterbeach CB25 9PA

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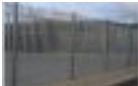
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WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our previous article focused on the Highways initiatives that had taken place in Willingham. For this edition I thought residents may be interested to hear about the efforts the Council has been making to reduce its carbon footprint, enhance the environment and increase biodiversity.

Reducing Electricity Usage – With the help of grants and S106 monies the Council has installed LED lighting in the Ploughman Hall and the Pavilion. We have also been able to replace the old wooden windows and doors at the Ploughman Hall with coated aluminium frames and installed an infra-red heating system at the Ploughman Hall. These measures have helped to reduce the electricity used whilst at the same time making the environment more pleasant for users of the facilities.

Barton Field – Following the donation of the field on Black Pit Drove the Council decided to keep it as an open green space for people to enjoy. They have planted a new 350m native species hedge along the boundary and hope to continue to enhance the space whilst keeping its natural habitats and charm. The field is open to the public but is only accessible on foot; no vehicles are allowed down Black Pit Drove other than landowners.

Meadow Road – This is the large site that the Council leased from *Cambridgeshire County Council* a few years ago. The site was mainly left as scrub land and concrete hard standing. The concrete has been cleared and the Council has been working hard with local volunteers to improve the site and increase its biodiversity. The County Council carried out a biodiversity report on the site for us and this, in conjunction with *Cambridgeshire ACRE*, has resulted in plans for a nature pond at the rear of the site with complementary habitat planting. The site has also been planted up with additional trees and hedging whips.

Wildflower Strips – We are in the process of creating some wildflower strips along the Lode at the Ploughman Hall and QELL Field. Once established, this will hopefully encourage an abundance of pollinators to the area.

Community Orchard – Whilst not a new project the orchard continues to flourish and be enjoyed by many residents. Owl boxes and a beehive were added to the site and the Council is very grateful for all the work that Willingham Action Group and their volunteers do on the Council's behalf to keep it looking so lovely.

Council meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month, starting at 7.30pm. Agendas are published on the website and the notice board outside the public hall in the High Street. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions (see agendas for further details)

Contacts: Councillors details can be found on the website www.willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk/

Clerk: Mrs Mandy Powell

Council office: Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham, CB24 5LP

Opening hours: Monday – Thursday 10am–1pm (closed bank holidays)

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WILLINGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the time of writing, Willingham WI is preparing for its summer party in July followed by our usual summer break with no meeting in August.

For our Autumn WI meetings, we have a variety of speakers and activities. On **Monday 11 September**, we welcome Linda Ducland-Williams, who is a local potter from Willingham. Linda will bring along some of her work and we will have an opportunity to have a go at making something. On **Monday 9 October**, our speaker will be Wendy Fletcher from Whittlesey talking about *Born in a Railway Carriage*. The railway carriages in question are two Great Eastern Railway carriages, built in 1887 and converted to living accommodation in the 1920s. They became Wendy's childhood home.

On **Monday 13 November** we welcome Gemma Fletcher from Margent Hemp Farm in Cambridgeshire. Gemma will tell us about the eco-farm, how hemp captures carbon as it grows, and the hemp products they produce.

We finish 2023 with our Christmas party on **Monday 11 December** with entertainment from the *Burlesque Bombshells*.

New members are always very welcome at Willingham WI. Our meetings are on the second Monday of the month, and we meet at 7.30pm in the Social Club in Willingham. If you would like to join us, please email willinghamwi28@gmail.com and we will be able to let you know the latest details of our meetings.



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WILLINGHAM WHEELS

Over Day Centre Bike Ride Sunday 25 June 2023

Very many thanks to everyone who supported this year's bike rides and the riders who enjoyed the rides of 100k, 50k and shorter family rides, enduring a very hot day. With the two rides from Northstowe and the three from Over, 123 riders joined us raising nearly £3,000 for Over Day Centre, towards solar panels and a new bathing facility for clients.



The 100k ride start – anticipation high!!

Photo: Julian Eales, Eales Photography

We hope that the photos (above and right) capture the spirit of the rides.

Thanks to our most generous sponsors *Law & Lewis, Joiners; Cambridgeshire Bathrooms; Redmayne Miller Rees Estate Agents; Swavesey Physio and Fen Edge Community Association* who collectively met event expenses, so that every penny from rider donations went to the Day Centre.

WILLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

Established 1937

Our new club shirts have arrived and, thanks to the shirt sponsors *Vintage Travel*, we hope to change the image of Bowls. The shirts are very bright and both *Willingham Bowls Club* and *Vintage Travel* are supporting *Dementia UK*.

We have not had an ideal start to the season, a very wet May has meant we have been unable to use the green but the recent dry spell has meant we are able to start playing. We will be having roll-ups on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm and Sunday mornings at 11am. Anyone wanting to try Bowls please feel welcome to pop down for our roll-ups

Thanks to Tom Miller, First Aider; Darryl Bass, *Passionate Flowers, Broom Wagon* and *Brucies Bikes* for mechanical support; to Tesco, Bar Hill for drinks and snacks for the family rides; to the *Over Community Centre* for the BBQ and bar with live music from *RPM*; to all local businesses who so generously gave raffle prizes; to Julian Eales, event photographer; and to the registration teams, rides marshals and sweepers who helped the event run smoothly.

Finally, we must thank *Willingham Wheels* and *Swavesey and Over Cycling Club* for planning, risk-assessing and signing the rides and the *Over Day Centre* trustees who organised publicity and helpers.

We hope you can join us for next year's rides, provisionally Sunday 30 June 2024.



Ride completed – family success!!

Photo: Julian Eales, Eales Photography

or contact through the contacts below, we can always arrange something.

We also offer dementia and Alzheimer's free sessions, which will include refreshments.

We really appreciate the support we received from *Vintage Travel*, our image has changed and hopefully will attract some younger members, we still offer ages 18 and younger free membership.

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WILLINGHAM ACTION GROUP

Royale with cheese – Willingham's Coronation Big Lunch

The volunteers of the Willingham Action Group (WAG) organised a *Big Lunch* held on the grounds of the *Ploughman Hall* on May 7, a glorious Sunday

of wall-to-wall sunshine following the torrential rain of Saturday 6 May! Music was courtesy of *Stone Cold Stumble*.

Unfortunately, they pulled the plug on their own amps before we could give it a "Let's hear it for the band!", but all those

present will surely agree that the set and the sound were perfect for the day. The interlude was majestically crowned by the *Willingham Primary School Choir*, expertly led by Mrs. Sutton. And the cheeseburgers and hot dogs were princely. The promise was gourmet and, with the meat sourced from Highgate butchers, it was a truly integral village lunch event, colourfully enhanced by families



Willingham Coronation Party. Photo: Julian Eales/Ealesphotography

with their own picnics and gazebos (and one paella!). Out-of-town highlights included *Sharda's Boys* and their Indian street food all the way from Crawley, and *Carlo Verrecchia Ice Cream*, the van manned by Andy, who gave WAG a very generous donation. Thanks to all stall holders, to the

multitudes who gave money freely, and finally to the Parish Council for underwriting the whole thing – it could have been expensive if we had gone for the soak-a-bloke Saturday, but the weather gods were with us, and weren't we grateful!!

WAG is now planning Willingham's Feast

Week at the end of September or start of October with ceilidh, *Gardeners' Fayre* ("If you grow it, show it!"), with BBQ, bar and teas, photography expo, art expo, *Repair Café*, Indian food and *Bollywood Experience*, daytime family disco and harvest festival with lunch at the Church, plus hopefully a wine quiz and *Custard Comedy* night ... fingers crossed for more good weather.

WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

We invite everyone to join our relaxed and friendly evenings with like-minded gardening enthusiasts. The Club holds their meeting every first Monday of the month at Willingham Social Club, with refreshments from 7pm and ending around 8.45pm. An on-the-door fee of £3 per person is requested from non-members. Please see the following planned programme of events until March 2023:

Monday 7 August – An evening tour of Westmeadow allotments with Pete Cornish.

Monday 4 September – *Plant nutrition*, an invited talk by Selwyn Richardson.

Monday 2 October – *Getting to grips with Pruning*, an invited talk by Nigel Start.

For further information about the Club, please contact willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com

WILLINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



We are a friendly church at the heart of our community. Our Sunday morning service at 10am is contemporary in

style and all are welcome to join us. We run various activities, such as Coffee Mornings, Community Lunches and Men's Breakfasts.

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RAMPTON HORSE SHOW

Saturday 16 September at the Parkland, Rampton

This year is the 35th annual Rampton Horse Show – quite a milestone! We look forward to welcoming everyone again with their horses and ponies as well as dogs. If you haven't been before, then please come along and find out what all the fun is about.

In addition to our usual showing classes, which start at 9am prompt, we are also re-introducing a Ten Legs showing class, combining the showing skills of the rider, their horse/pony and dog – always great fun to watch and take part in. Our unaffiliated jumping classes start at 9.30am.

In the afternoon we have our ever-popular fun classes, Fun Dog Show, Fancy Dress and Gymkhana.

Money raised this year is going towards three great charities:

- Cambridgeshire Search & Rescue are a specialist search team called upon by the Police for the search for high risk vulnerable missing people, e.g., a child, an elderly person living with dementia or even someone who is considering taking their own life.

- Red2Green support people aged 16+ with learning disabilities and autism towards achieving independence, education and employment.
- Swavesey & District Bridleways Association campaign for a safe, cohesive, off-road bridleway network linking each village with the next village or town. Their campaign for equestrians to be included in new road and housing and active travel or non-motorised user developments.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 16 September.

RAMPTON '77 COMMITTEE

Rampton Relay – Sunday 3 September

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This year's project is to upgrade the Community Cupboard, which provides for an exchange of surplus produce, and gives a helping hand with the availability of food.

So far this year, we have heard about the History of Alcohol (with samples!), the practice and attractions of sustainability, a garage sale, coronation celebrations; with Ringing for the King, a gig with band and vocals, and a fascinating address by a Cambridge guide themed on Changing Times in Cambridge; including a focus on the Cricket Clock.

Events – Sunday 24 September

Harvest Festival lunch

Saturday 18 November

Pudding Evening 7.30–9pm

Friday 1–Sunday 3 December – Christmas Tree Festival. Sponsor a tree. Come to see the spectacle of about 30 trees all lit, in the church.

We are also planning a choir concert in October. The details and timings of some of these events are still coming together, so please keep an eye on the FECA web site, and check with us on Facebook (“Landbeach Community”, and “FOALS”) closer to each event. If you would like more information about our events, please contact us on:

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Activities and delights @ the Tithe Barn

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Saturday 9 September – Heritage Open Day, 10am–4pm, free – donations welcome

We are joining the 2023 Heritage Open Days festival with an agricultural building formerly involved in food production and storage. When viewing our wonderful barn there are knowledgeable trust members on-site to answer questions – from barn construction to the traditional threshing and storage of grain. There will be some activities for children and families to enjoy. There's no need to book; just turn up and enjoy.

Saturday 21 October – Histon Country Market, 10am–1 pm

Back at the barn the fantastic craftspeople from Histon Country Market will be offering a wide variety of quality home-made goods – from plants and fresh produce, home-baked goods and delicious

jams to soaps, jewellery, greetings cards and bags. Plenty of locally made gifts for family and friends.

Saturday 28 October – Outdoor Gym, 9.30am–1 pm

As part of this volunteering session we will be managing trees and hedges, making repairs as needed and undertaking a general tidy up before the cold season starts. Bring sturdy shoes, sun cream and working clothes plus your own picnic for a break in between (outside or in the barn).

Guided busway proposals – the *Tithe Barn Trust* voices its concerns

As many of you will know, the *Greater Cambridge Partnership* has unveiled proposals for a guided busway and park and ride to be built to link Waterbeach New Town with Cambridge. Two routes (the 'Western' and 'Central' routes) are under consideration and both will run close to Landbeach, significantly affecting the rural setting of the village. Further, the 'Central' option will pass close to the historic Tithe Barn in Landbeach. To read the Trust's submission to the recent consultation objecting to the central route and proposed nearby park & ride area, bus loop and bus interchange click through on www.tinyurl.com/2p8xbhud



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On the second Thursday of each month we also have Thursday Hub from 10.30am to 12 noon. This is a space for people to come and enjoy coffee, tea, and cake as well as conversation with others. There are also board games and puzzles for those who would like to join in with these, and a short two minute thought to start your day. Once again everyone is welcome.

To find out more about who we are and what we do please take a look at our website www.cottenhambaptist.org.uk, give us a call on 01954 252378 or find us on Facebook.

COTTENHAM VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our new season starts in September. Membership fees are due at the first meeting when we hold our AGM. We have a very interesting programme of talks taking us through to the spring, very good value for money. We meet for talks on the second Friday of the Month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Friday 8 September – AGM and talk: *Adventures and Misadventures in Wonderland* by Liz Milway

Friday 13 October – Talk: *Sawston Hall* by Mary Dicken

Friday 10 November – Talk: *A Natural History of Cambridge – Why is the city a wildlife hotspot?* By Duncan Mackay.

Saturday 9 December – Christmas Party

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SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Calligraphy – Creative Painted Letters **(Liz Barrow) 10am–4pm** **Fee: £47 plus materials**

This workshop will appeal to calligraphers and to those who enjoy painting – however, no previous calligraphic or painting experience is required. The day will be accessible to everyone. We will look at the lettering art of Adolf Bernd, and then create our own letter or word using his art as our inspiration. All work will be done with brushes rather than pens (so it's not really calligraphy at all, but rather lettering art.)

Dressmaking (Sally Tilley) **10am–4pm on 3 Saturdays (23 September,** **14 October, 18 November)** **Fee: £142 plus materials**

For all those interested in dressmaking from complete beginners to the more experienced wanting to brush up their skills. You will learn how to make basic pattern alterations, cut out, assemble, and fit garments. As well as this you will be taught basic dressmaking techniques and make samples to practise your skills. More advanced learners will be encouraged to make more complicated garments.

***New!* Dyeing with Procion Dyes (Ricki Outis)** **10am–4pm Fee: £47 plus materials**

The morning session will be an opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of cold-water dyes, including the creation of several colours from

different primaries. This will be a methodical study to create a colour wheel. The afternoon will be a free and easy session to use some of the wonderful colours by tie dyeing, space dyeing, scrunching, and dripping. This is a low water method, using man made, but safe dyes which give very vibrant colours on cotton and silk. Your finished fabrics will be beautiful, and they are also great as backgrounds for screen / block printing, embroidery and quilting.

***New!* Felt Bag (Lisa Fretwell)** **10am–4pm Fee: £47 plus materials**

Do you love textiles? Are you looking for a fun, relaxing day? Then look no further. Cottenham Village College is running a felting workshop. Here is your chance to meet up with like-minded people in a central Cambridgeshire location and learn the ancient craft of felt making! This day will show you how to wet felt using soft fleece to create the most amazing three-dimensional craft work in the form of a beautiful bag.

Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) on 3 Saturdays **(23 September, 14 October, 18 November)** **10am–4pm Fee: £142 plus materials**

Learn the techniques and skills to upholster a small chair or stool in traditional or modern upholstery. Intermediate level learners can continue to upholster an existing project or to start a larger project in either modern or traditional upholstery learning new and more advanced techniques (Students bring their own piece of furniture – materials extra).

***New!* Watercolours for Beginners:
Painting Boats (David Hyde) 10am–4pm
Fee: £47 plus materials**

This Autumn, starting in September, David will be running a short series of three watercolour workshops, at Cottenham Village College.

This first workshop will be all about Painting Boats.

A very popular subject that can bring to life a watery scene.

Book on one or book all three Saturday workshops, Watercolours can be difficult to get to grips with, so if you are new to painting or want some fresh inspiration then this could be your chance take your next step.

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

***New!* Beginners Bagmaking –
Messenger Bag (Lynn Potts)
10am–4pm Fee: £62 includes some materials**

In this exciting new workshop you will learn how to make a sturdy messenger bag with a shoulder strap, a magnetic snap closure and both an inner zip and inner slip pocket. The finished bag measures 12" wide by 9" high and 3 1/2" deep (30x 23x 9cm), and will be a wonderful present or an fabulous addition to your own wardrobe!

**Bound Book Making (Ricki Outis)
10am–4pm Fee: £47 plus materials**

A relaxing day learning some different Japanese stitches to make your own bound books. We will start by learning a basic stitch pattern and creating your own decorative covers. Then you can either explore more traditional stitch patterns or you can develop the technique in a more creative and experimental way. Either way, the rhythm of stitching, tying and knotting is a wonderful way to spend a Saturday and go home with some beautiful hand bound books.

***New!* Holistic Weight Management
(Yasmin May) 9am–4pm Fee: £55**

The focus will be on using a fusion of mind body spirit techniques such as Emotional Freedom Therapy, Reiki Drumming, Visualisation and group discussion to enable not only your physical self to be healthier but for any limiting thoughts and feelings that may have jeopardised your efforts previously to be addressed.

***New!* Needle Felt a Brooch (Lisa Fretwell)
10am–4pm Fee: £47 plus materials**

During this workshop you will learn the basics of this wonderful technique using wisps of soft fleece to create the most amazing three-dimensional craft work in the form of a beautiful panda brooch. Materials extra.

**Qigong in Autumn (Alison Warlow)
10am–1pm Fee: £24**

In this workshop we will practise qigong (chi kung) exercises to help us tune into the qualities of the season - releasing what is no longer useful and crystallising what is valuable. In the Chinese five element tradition Autumn is the season of Metal, so we will also be focussing on its associated organ, the lungs.

**Silver Jewellery Making (Tina Yates)
10am–4pm Fee: £73 plus materials**

This is a day for those who would like to learn or practise some basic silversmithing skills, including soldering, shaping, and texturing. These skills will then be used to make some simple pieces of jewellery, including two simple rings, cut out a shape for a small pendant, or, if time allows two shapes for earrings. Principles of designing and knowledge of Hallmarking will also be covered.

***New!* Watercolours for Beginners:
Painting Buildings (David Hyde)
10am–4pm Fee: £47 plus materials**

This Autumn, starting in September, David will be running a short series of three watercolour workshops, at Cottenham Village College.

This second workshop will be all about Painting Buildings, and how to see a complicated subject in a simplified way. You will be painting buildings, cars and people.

***New!* Willow Weaving
Serving Platters (Karen Bek)
10.30am–4pm Fee: £115 includes all materials**

This workshop will teach you how to weave a simple willow platter that can be used as a serving platter or bowl for bread or fruit or simply used as a table centrepiece. You can choose to make an oval or circular platter and will have a range of willow colours to choose from. You will learn how to attach ribs to a preformed frame and how to weave and shape the basket.

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER

***New!* Beginners Bagmaking –
Evening Bag / Clutch (Lynn Potts)
10am–4pm Fee: £68 includes some materials**

Just in time for the party season, this brand-new

workshop will teach you how to create an elegant evening bag with a removable strap so it can be carried as a clutch if preferred. With a magnetic snap closure and an inner zip pocket, and the metal trim on the flap gives it a professional touch.

Calligraphy for Christmas (Liz Barrow)
10am–4pm Fee: £47 plus materials

This workshop is suitable for beginners and more experienced calligraphers alike. You will start by learning or revising a traditional script, and then you will put your lettering skills to use in a choice of festive projects. You will go home with lots of ideas for making hand-lettered and decorative items to appeal to all the family and enhance your Christmas table or tree.

New! Christmas Willow Weaving (Karen Bek)
10.30am–3.30pm
Fee: £120 includes all materials

Come along to this festive workshop and learn how to make sustainable natural Christmas decorations. You will learn how to make a variety of star tree ornaments, miniature Christmas trees and flat weave reindeer. A variety of willow will be available for you to use, and you can make as many items as you wish during the time.



Christmas Candle Making
(Miller and Ward) 10am–2pm
Fee: £65 includes all materials

Join us for a festive themed candle making workshop where you will make a variety of products to scent your home with this Christmas! The course is designed for total beginners and focuses on the use of natural waxes. We will guide you through wax selection, wick sizing, fragrance choices, safety and regulatory requirements, giving you enough knowledge to create your own candles and melts at home. All tools and materials will be provided.

New! Christmas Card Lino Printing
(Clive Riggs)
10am–4pm Fee: £58 includes all materials

Suitable for beginners or those with some experience. An exploration of a range of techniques both for multiple prints or one-offs. You will have the opportunity to print by hand or with a press, producing

both colour and black & white, a perfect opportunity to make your very own Christmas cards. All materials included.

New! Felted Necklace (Ricki Outis)
10am–4pm Fee: £47 plus materials

Make a statement item to wear over the festive season or a gift for a special friend. An exciting day working with fibres and wet felting for textile artists, creative stitchers, and explorers. We will expand our creative ideas by making baubles, cords, loops, and laces in amazing colours. By the end of the day, you will have made at least one felted necklace. This is a perfect session for absolute beginners as well as for experienced felt makers to expand their repertoire of skills.

New! Glass Christmas Decorations
(Lisa Fretwell)
9.30am–4pm Fee: £55 plus materials

Have you ever wondered how glass is made and put together? Here is your chance to try a unique glass technique called 'copperfoil,' invented by Louis Comfort Tiffany which revolutionised the way that glass was made and put together. Small scale, delicate pieces can be made using this method. You will need a steady hand and lots of patience to learn this technique, but the results will be well worth the effort! You will create a unique and beautiful copperfoil glass Christmas decoration using a combination of coloured glass if desired.

New! Watercolours for Beginners:
Still-Life Painting (David Hyde)
10am–4pm Fee: £47 plus materials

This Autumn, starting in September, David will be running a short series of three watercolour workshops, at Cottenham Village College.

This last workshop will leave the countryside to consider Still-Life Painting, where the learner will learn how to explore shapes and textures.

DAYTIME & EVENING CLASSES

MONDAY DAYTIME

Dressmaking (Sally Tilley)
10 weeks starting 18 September
12.30-2.30pm Fee: £136

Learn how to make basic pattern alterations, cut out, assemble, and fit garments. Be guided through the purchase of fabrics & patterns, basic dressmaking techniques and make samples to practice your new skills. Suitable for all abilities. Materials extra.

Watercolour Painting for Improvers (David Hyde)
10 weeks starting 18 September
9.45am – 11.45am Fee: £136

This course is for people with some experience of Watercolour. It is the most popular medium, and for very good reason. There is little to compare with the beauty of transparent colour washes; watercolours are handled in a way that is impossible with other mediums. This course will have a definite bias towards traditional landscape painting. There will be plenty of new colour mixes, tips and 'tricks of the trade' for you to learn and enjoy. Learners to provide own materials.

MONDAY EVENING

Ballet for Fun! (Anna Harris) 10 weeks starting 18 September 7–8pm Fee £68

For anyone wanting to have some fun, do some light exercise and learn a new or refresh an old skill. In beginner Ballet, we will work on basic techniques at the barre and in the centre with a focus on strengthening our core and maintaining a correct posture. Every class will finish with the opportunity to put some of these skills to work in a short dance piece which we will build on each week. Wear comfortable stretchy clothes, bring a bottle of water and ballet or soft jazz shoes if you have them, if not some sensible socks are fine to start you off.

Creative with Clay (Larry Mogridge) 10 weeks starting 18 September 7–9pm Fee: £162 includes clay & firing

Explore, create, and express your ideas in the versatile medium of clay. Practise techniques including hand building, throwing, decoration and glaze effects using a variety of stoneware clays, slips, and glazes. WAITING LIST FOR THIS COURSE

Drawing for Fun! (Lisa E Fretwell) 5 weeks (18 Sept, 2 Oct, 16 Oct, 6 Nov, 20 Nov) 7–9pm Fee: £68 plus materials

To develop the basic skills to learn to draw and really look at your subject, using a variety of interesting and

fun techniques. For new beginner students, there will be a series of initial drawing technique exercises for you before you progress. Suitable for all.

Jazz for Fun! (Anna Harris) 10 weeks starting 18 September 7–8pm Fee £68

Get your body moving and have some fun whilst learning some basic jazz techniques. This class is for everyone who loves to move and would like to express themselves in this creative way. Exercises will include some centre work and basic travelling and gentle turns for those able. Each class will include working on a short routine to a range of music, anything from musical theatre to old and new modern pop and jazz classics. Wear comfortable stretchy clothes, bring a bottle of water and soft jazz shoes or trainers if you have them, if not some sensible socks are fine to start you off.

***New!* Watercolour Painting for the Terrified! (David Hyde)** 10 weeks starting 18th September 6–8pm Fee: £136

An early evening course for total beginners or for those wanting to revive their interest in this wonderful medium. This course will take you on a journey that will improve your confidence. A journey taken step by step using David's tried and tested watercolour approach. A list of basic materials will be needed.

TUESDAY DAYTIME

Creative Textiles (Ricki Outis) 5 weeks (26 September, 10 October, 31 October, 14 November, 28 November) 10am–3.30pm Fee: £190 plus materials

This class is for those who are, or would like to be, textile explorers and makers of fabulous fabrics. It's an opportunity to give yourself some dedicated time to nurture your creativity and to develop textiles that are personal, poetic, and fun. People with all levels of experience (or none) are welcome. Gain a thorough understanding of basic textile techniques including dyeing, printing, felting, experimental hand stitching, and free machine embroidery. Then explore ways we can use these skills to make contemporary, expressive art/ craft

Drawing for Fun! (Lisa E Fretwell) 5 weeks (19 Sept, 3 Oct, 17 Oct, 7 Nov, 21 Nov) 9.30am–12.30pm Fee: £102 plus materials

To develop the basic skills to learn to draw and really look at your subject, using a variety of interesting and fun techniques. For new beginner students, there will be a series of initial drawing technique exercises for you before you progress. Suitable for all.

Fitness for Mature Movers (Margaret Briggs) 5 weeks starts 19 September 11.30am–12.30pm Fee: £30 PLOUGHMAN HALL, WILLINGHAM

Gently stretch and tone in a friendly class, all movements to your own ability which will improve your balance and agility. You really are never too old to start toning those muscles!

New Adventures in Patchwork and Quilting (Marion Curtis) 5 weeks (19 Sept, 3 Oct, 17 Oct, 7 Nov, 21 Nov) 1.30pm–3.30pm Fee: £68 plus materials

This course is aimed at anyone completely new to patchwork and quilting and those who may have attended before and wish to pick up where they left off. The tutor has put together some ideas which combine the classic and not so classic patchwork units to create a more modern look. We will be making a sampler quilt. Individual blocks could be made into items such as cushions and bags.

TUESDAY EVENING

Guitar Roots & Branches (Brooks Williams) –
6 weeks (19 Sept, 26 Sept, 3 Oct, 14 Nov, 21 Nov, 28 Nov) 6.45–8.45pm Fee: £80

A fun, hands on workshop with lots of playing & singing. Expand your guitar playing by exploring the music that inspired the music we know. We will be looking at strumming and fingerpicking, chords that move up the neck of the guitar, and riffs we can play based around those chords. We will do all this by learning and playing classic blues, country, folk and rock songs. Participants should be familiar with the basic 1st position chords like: E, A, G, D, C, B7, F, Em, Am, Dm, Bm.

T'ai Chi for Improvers (Alison Warlow)
10 weeks starting 19 September 7–8pm Fee: £68

For those with at least one year's experience. Working with a variety of qigong exercises and the Yang style long form.

T'ai Chi for Beginners (Alison Warlow)
10 weeks starting 19 September 8–9pm Fee: £68

For those new or wanting to practise their T'ai Chi skills. Working with a variety of qigong exercises and the Yang style short form.

Woodwork & Carpentry (Chris Dommett)
10 weeks starting 19 September 7–9pm Fee: £136

An informative and enjoyable course enabling progression from idea to conclusion. We offer a top quality, extensively equipped workshop where you will design & make a woodwork project of your choice. Suitable for complete beginners and those wishing to work on projects. Bring your own woodwork materials.

WEDNESDAY DAYTIME

Calligraphy (Liz Barrow)
5 weeks starting 20 September
9.30am–1pm Fee: £115

This practical, hands-on course is suitable for complete beginners to calligraphy, but will also be of interest to those who have done some calligraphy before (perhaps at Summer School or a one-day workshop.) Looking at some amazing manuscripts which were scribed hundreds of years ago, we will write a modern version of a historical script. We will add various decorative touches, ranging from knotwork to the use of colour and gold to embellish the calligraphy. Everyone will have the chance to create at least one finished piece of work as a showcase for your new skills.

Fitness for Mature Movers (Margaret Briggs)
5 weeks starting 20 September
2.30–3.30pm Fee: £30
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Gently stretch and tone in a friendly class, all movements to your own ability including chair-based activities which will improve your balance and agility and grow confidence. You really are never too old to start toning those muscles!

Guitar for Beginners Plus+ (Brooks Williams)
Short Course 3 weeks (15 Nov, 22 Nov, 29 Nov)
9.30am–12.30pm Fee: £60

Guitar For Beginners Plus+ is designed for the guitarist who knows a little bit about guitar, but they want to take it to the next level. We will do this by playing songs, which will help us reinforce our knowledge of the basic chords, experimenting with a few strumming and picking patterns, and learning to play single-note melodies. This guitar session is best suited for the 'near beginner'. It is a fun and supportive course with lots of playing and singing. Participants should be familiar with the following basic chords: A, D, E, C, G, Em, Am.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Creative with Clay (Larry Mogridge)
10 weeks starting 20 September
7–9pm Fee: £162 includes clay & firing

Explore, create, and express your ideas in the versatile medium of clay. Practise techniques including hand building, throwing, decoration and glaze effects using a variety of stoneware clays, slips and glazes. WAITING LIST FOR THIS COURSE

NEW! Learn to Knit for Absolute Beginners (Sarah Cheung Johnson) Short Course
4 weeks (20 September, 4, 11, 18 October)
6.45–8.45pm Fee: £55

You will learn about different types of yarn, needles and how to get started with knitting. You will learn how to hold needles, cast on and knit and purl - which are the basic stitches for all knitting as well as how to cast off. We will be creating knitted squares to allow us to

practise the stitches learnt, understand how stitch patterns are created and how to increase and decrease. By the end of the course, you will have the skills to knit a scarf, knitted squares, as well as having the knowledge to continue to learn more complex knitting techniques. This course is aimed at beginners as well as improvers who might have tried to master the basics but got stuck along the way!

Pilates for Beginners/Beginners Plus (Sarah Ferries) – 5 weeks starting 20 September
6.15–7.15pm Fee: £34

A fun class that will help learners find the tools to move well and safely and build greater awareness of their posture, alignment, and breathing. Using Pilates exercises, with modifications where needed, learners will explore the main principles of Breathing, Balance, Centring, Concentration, Control, Flow and Precision. The class is low impact and will have standing, seated, and laying on the floor components.

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Pilates for Improvers (Sarah Ferries)

5 weeks starting 20 September

7.30–8.30pm Fee: £34

For those who have already learnt some Pilates and want to progress and improve on their strength, mobility, and flexibility in a safe yet challenging way.

Silver Jewellery Making (Tina Yates)

5 weeks starting 1 November

7–9pm Fee: £105

For those who want to get started in creating their own silver jewellery designs, and for those who may have done some previous silver work and want to build on those silversmithing skills. You will learn the principles of shaping and soldering silver to create jewellery and the practical side of designing your own pieces. And for those who have some experience, you will have help in learning further techniques to create your designs.

THURSDAY DAYTIME

French Conversation (Jean-Louis Barges)

10 weeks starting 21 September

10am–12 noon Fee: £136

An informal conversation class to develop and improve your French. Learners should have a good knowledge of French with at least 2 years' experience.

Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) – 10 weeks starting 21 September 10am–3.30pm Fee: £340

Learn the techniques and skills to upholster a small chair or stool in traditional or modern upholstery. Intermediate level learners can continue to upholster an existing project or to start a larger project in either modern or traditional upholstery learning new and more advanced techniques (Students bring their own piece of furniture – materials extra). **WAITING LIST FOR THIS COURSE**

THURSDAY EVENING

Beginners Disco Dance (Amy Hayden)

5 weeks starting 21 September

7–7.50pm Fee: £34

A super fun way to keep fit and learn some basic dance moves. If you love 70s music then this is the class for you! Learn a routine in a fun and welcoming environment, and boogie away to your favourite songs.

FRIDAY DAYTIME

Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) – 10 weeks starting 22 September 10am–3.30pm Fee: £340

Learn the techniques and skills to upholster a small chair or stool in traditional or modern upholstery. Intermediate level learners can continue to upholster an existing project or to start a larger project in either modern or traditional upholstery learning new and more advanced techniques (Students bring their own piece of furniture – materials extra). **WAITING LIST FOR THIS COURSE**

SATURDAY FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Christmas Crochet

Saturday 18th November, 10am–12pm

Sarah Cheung Johnson

Suitable for ages 8–14

Come along and create some Christmas Crochet pieces with us! You can choose to create Christmas Tree decorations or Christmas coasters with us! We have designs suitable for complete beginners or if you have some crochet skills already, we have some more advanced patterns to work from. Materials needed for the course will be provided.

All children must be joined by their adult or carer. Each child place: £10.

Accompanying adult can attend for free!

Email the Adult Learning team to find out more: community@astrecottenham.org

NEW ADULT LEARNING COURSE IDEAS

We're always keen to hear about new course ideas – contact Heather Adam, Adult Learning Coordinator, if you have ideas about new courses that you'd like to try, or if you're a Tutor with a new course suggestion.

Tel: 01954 288751 or Email: community@astrecottenham.org

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FECA IN COTTENHAM



COTTENHAM RENEGADES

At the time of writing, Renegades are enjoying a season of summer touch rugby to keep in trim for the upcoming season. We have managed to survive in the very demanding league we were promoted into last season and are preparing for another challenging season.

The league we are in now spans the whole of East Anglia. Teams from *Fakenham*, north of Norwich, and *Norwich Crusaders* to *Sudbury 2*, *Woodbridge*, *Colchester 2*, *Mersey Island* and *Thurston*, in the south. Some more local teams are also involved including *Shelford 3* and *Newmarket*. We also get to play in Bedford for the first time against *Bedford Athletic 2*.

It will be an interesting season as new rules on tackle height will be in place and there is a great deal of uncertainty about how consistently they will be applied and their effect on how the game will be played. September and October promise some champagne rugby as the best teams in the world gather in France for the Rugby World Cup. Hopefully, this will inspire more participation in the game at grass roots level.

If you fancy trying your hand at rugby, Renegades are always on the lookout for new players. You may have played at school or with a club a while back and would like to get back into it. Or maybe you have never played but think you might like to try it out. Either way, you will get a great welcome if you come along to try out Renegades.

We take the game seriously, but having fun is what the club is really about. If you are interested have a look at the Renegades website (www.renegadesrugby.net) and come along to watch a game and meet the players. You will get a warm welcome.



Renegades winger Josh Vail runs into heavy traffic at Wisbech. Photo: Peter Haigh

COTTENHAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



Our first team finished runners up in the Cambridgeshire League Division 1A. We are awaiting to hear confirmation of our promotion to the Senior B League.

Pre-season training has started at Cottenham Village College sports field 7-9pm.

If you are interested in playing senior adult football, please get in contact with Harry West or Jamie Bladen via cottenhamunitedfc@hotmail.com. For further information about the club you can check our website: www.cottenhamunitedfc.co.uk or our twitter, Instagram and Facebook links.

We would like to thank all our sponsors for their support and the players for all their commitment. The club has great ambitions going forward, so this would be a good time to come along and join us on our journey.

Ian Stuchbury (Chairman)



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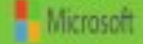
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COTTENHAM TENNIS CLUB

We're excited to share some upcoming club activities with you. Whether you're a tennis enthusiast or looking for a fun and active way to spend your time, we've got something for everyone. Here's a quick rundown.

Summer Camp – join us for an amazing Summer Camp from weekdays until **4 August**. It's open to kids ages 3–16, and we promise loads of tennis-filled fun!

Match Results – Our ladies' team has been performing exceptionally well and currently holds the impressive 3rd position in their division. Let's cheer them on!

Successful Open Day – We recently had a fantastic open day in May. It was a memorable event!

September Coaching Dates – Starting from **Monday 4 September** and running until **Saturday 16 December**, we have coaching sessions available for both adults and kids. These sessions cater to players of all skill levels.

Club Championships – Mark your calendars for **Saturday 16 September!** We'll be hosting the Club Championships, where members can showcase their talent and compete for glory.

Family Tournament – On **Saturday 14 October**, we're organizing a Family Tournament. Get ready to team up and enjoy some friendly competition with your loved ones.

To book any coaching sessions or the Summer Camp, please visit www.gamesettennis.co.uk.

We hope to see you at these exciting club activities. Don't miss out on the fun!



May open day. Photo: Louise Cooke

COTTENHAM COLOUR RUN

This event was as a partner to the *Cottenham Fun Run*. Never did we imagine how popular it would be, selling out every time we increased participant numbers. On the day over 300 runners joined 30 volunteers and even the fire crew from the Cottenham station. The weather stopped raining and the recreation ground was turned into a riot of red, blue, green, yellow, purple and pink with three colour stations and a water shower around a 1 km route. Most of the entrants did at least two laps and returned looking like smiling rainbows.

The volunteers had as much fun (if not more) as the entrants and, if it looked like organized chaos, that was what it felt like.

Obviously, this cannot be a one off, so we have renamed it *The Inaugural Cottenham Colour Run*. Watch out next year when we return, bigger, with more spaces for

participants, more colours and probably just as much excitement.

Editor's Note: a big thank you to Tracy Hutchison for arranging such a successful event, which raised £740 for Cottenham Primary School PTCA.





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With *Sustainable Cottenham*, there will be an open session with expert speakers on **Tuesday 19 September** 5.30–9pm to help us all learn more about energy (and cost!) savings and how to reduce our carbon footprint. Please do come.

What's on – Classes

Kids play first Saturday of the month at 10.30am. A great way for children and adults to meet and have fun together. No charge.

Toy Library's soft play fortnightly on alternate Fridays – look out for dates and times for September.

Little Humbugs fortnightly (term time) probably from September on alternate (to Toy Library soft play) Friday mornings It's for babies and pre-schoolers and their carers. 30 minutes of singing is followed by half an hour of play, chat and refreshments.

Knitting group on Wednesday mornings.

Craft group on Tuesdays at 10am in the coffee shop.

Hearing Aid help every second Thursday of the month 2.30 to 4.

Mucky pups on Mondays 10–11am.

4th Dimension children's dance Mondays 3.45–6.45pm and **Acro** Saturdays 11.45am–12.45pm.

Yoga Tuesdays 10–11.

Zumba Mondays and Thursdays 7–8pm.

Whirl and Twirl Wednesdays 7–9pm.

Healthy 4 Life Thursdays (50+ exercise) 10.30.

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Please contact individual activity organisers, details on our website : www.cottenhamcc.org. Please Email us at: bookings@cottenhamcc.org if you'd like to arrange a class, community activity or new community project.

What's on – Events

Repair Café Saturday 14 October 10am–2pm.

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Music Quiz Saturday 11 November 7pm.

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Christmas Market **Saturday 25 November** 10am–2pm. Book a stall with Jane, call 01954 202109 (during Coffee Shop hours)

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Volunteers & Trustees – Volunteering at the coffee shop is a great opportunity to meet people, learn new skills, add to your CV. Please speak to Jane 01954 202109 (during coffee shop hours) or manager@cottenhamcc.org.

How can I help with funding? Our next potential project is to improve our heating controls to reduce gas use.

Co-operative Local Community Fund – Sign-in to give *Cottenham Community Centre* your support, join the Co-op for just £1 and get lots of offers only available to Co-op members www.membership.coop.co.uk/causes/72269/

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Community centre membership 2023 – Annual membership is just £15 for an individual (seniors £10, youths £5) with a loyalty bonus of a free beverage after you have bought ten drinks. Receive a 10% discount on one-off room hire. Download a membership form here: www.cottenhamcc.org/membership/

Connect with the Community Centre – Follow us on Facebook: [CottCommCentre](https://www.facebook.com/CottCommCentre) Instagram: [cottenhamcoffeeshop](https://www.instagram.com/cottenhamcoffeeshop). website: www.cottenhamcc.org email: bookings@cottenhamcc.org

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COTTENHAM BOWLS CLUB

We are nearly half way through the outdoor bowls season. The start was quite chilly but June has been warm and sunny. If you are not interested in playing bowls you are welcome to come and spectate at our pleasant surroundings on *Cottenham Recreation Ground*. There are matches on Monday and Friday afternoons and some evenings from 6.30pm.

In addition to our own bowling programme this year, we will be hosting representative games in August that will involve players from different clubs around Cambridge and Counties within the Eastern region and in September, the Cambridge and District Competition Finals.

Once the outdoor season is finished we will be looking forward to the indoor short mat bowls. If you are interested in playing or just having a try get in touch.

Cottenham Bowls Club is a very friendly club with members from Cottenham and surrounding villages so come and give us a try. Everyone is welcome.

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On a lovely sunny Sunday afternoon in May, over 150 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young leaders and Leaders from Cottenham District Girlguiding met on Cottenham Village Green to celebrate the King's Coronation.

As home-made bunting merrily flapped in the light breeze, we began the celebration by singing *A Guiding Smile*. All of the sections were divided into 4 groups, each of varied age 4–18 years, to carry out different activities to earn the Coronation and Kindness Challenge badge. There was *Coronation Bingo*, *Scavenger Hunt*, a *Wide Game* involving all 4 nations, and a *Kindness Tree* that needed leaves added with kindness thoughts and actions before they all decorated a mug to take home.

A picnic followed, before getting together to sing *A Guiding Smile* and finally the *National Anthem* for all the parents/carers that came to collect their child.

This was a very enjoyable afternoon, spent in the sunshine with these amazing young people. And we got to see them naturally help each other, especially the younger ones in the organisation. They worked together on the *Scavenger Hunt* to find everything. Sharing came naturally when it came to decorating the mugs. These are all brilliant life skills that they did without being prompted. That is why Girlguiding is a wonderful organization. We watch them develop and realise that Girls can do anything.

If you are interested in getting involved with volunteering with these amazing people, get in touch www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer/

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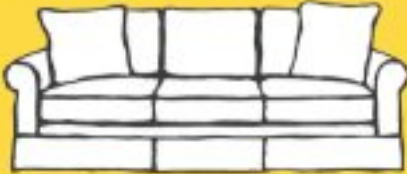
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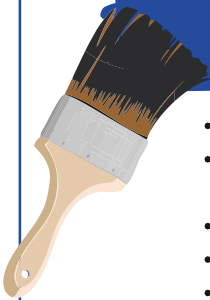
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COTTENHAM UNITED COLTS FC

As the football season is coming to a close, we are able to celebrate a really successful year for *Cottenham Colts*. We managed to provide football to our community with 15 boys teams from U7s right through to U18s, 6 girls teams, a flourishing Monday night soccer school and a well-established *Wildcats* centre.

Some highlights of the year included our U12 boys winning the league and our U12 girls coming runners up in their league and winning the district cup final through their school. Must be something about that year group.

After 7 years the sun sets on our U18 girls team who are an amazing bunch leading the way for girls' football at the club. Managed by Dave Burkett, they leave a legacy of teams in their wake and we wish them all well for the future.

As the new season gets underway in September many teams will be looking for new players. If there is any interest in joining Cottenham Colts please do get in touch. This is especially true for the boys U15 *Red Team* (Year 10 next year), who are looking for outfield players. So, if your son is interested, please get in touch with Neil McDiarmid via the club.

Thank you to both the *Parish Council* and *Cottenham Village College* who provide venues for our teams to play their matches on, come rain or shine. But most of all thank you to our players who continue to

represent the village in such a positive way on the pitch throughout the season.



U12 Girls Cup Winners. Photo: Mrs Meeds



U12 Boys League Winners. Photo: Rob Wright

COTTENHAM COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

2023 has so far been another busy year of development for the Cottenham Community Allotment. Once again we look forward to harvesting more produce on the main allotment as we grow strawberries, courgettes, onions, beans, carrots, potatoes, and cucumber among other fruit and veg. We now have a team of over 20 volunteers who have given much of their time to plant, water, and weed the plot. We are so grateful for their support.

This year we have acquired a large poly-tunnel which has kept us busy and enabled us to grow more variety, providing more stability during the colder weather. We have also developed the family plot to include four raised beds, which are now run by four different families. It has been a busy and productive time.

We continue to meet on the first Sunday (1.30–4pm) and third Saturday (10am–12.30pm) of each month for our volunteer sessions. We are always happy for others to join us or simply pop along to see what we do and take a look at the allotment. You don't need to be a keen gardener or know anything about allotments to join us, as there is always someone there who can chat through what we are doing and others who can share a task. It is a great opportunity to get to know people in the village as well as spend time outdoors planting and harvesting fruit and veg. All ages are welcome.

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Adapted from J.M. Barrie's play and written/directed by long-standing *Cottenham Theatre Workshop* member Kerry O'Connell, our latest Christmas show follows the usual story of Peter Pan you all know and love – with some Panto twists and turns! It includes some wayward Love Island contestants, a very social-media savvy crocodile, and a classic villain to boo and hiss at – you'll be sure to find something for everyone in this show.

The show will run from **Wednesday 6 – Saturday 9 December**, at *Cottenham Village College*. Weekday performances begin at 7.30pm and there are two performances on **Saturday 9 December**, a matinee showing at 1 pm and an evening showing at 5.30pm.

Tickets will be available from Monday 23 October via our website, www.cottenhamtheatre.com or through our third-party provider Ticketsource by calling 0333 666 4466 (additional booking fee applies).

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We hope to see many of you at the performances – enjoy the show.

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS, COTTENHAM

The Cottenham (and Saffron Walden) based choir *TyrannoChorus* sometimes rehearses in *All Saints' Church, Cottenham* where they have recently been singing a song by Burt Bacharach and Carole Bayer Sager: *That's what friends are for*. The church has lovely acoustics. I wondered if readers of the Fen Edge News know what the Friends of All Saints, Cottenham (FoAS) are for. The nature of the affection and commitment is not the same as in the song, but there are echoes of it.

The FoAS is not part of the church as an organisation. It is a community charity set up to support the continued existence of the All Saints' Church building in Cottenham. Not all members of the FoAS, or of its committee, are connected with the church, but all value the existence in good and usable condition of the remarkable late mediaeval building. FoAS members want to do what they can to help ensure that the building does not decline from lack of any needed repair. It is an iconic building in the village: its importance is recognised by *Historic England* in its Grade I listing.

The FoAS contributions do not currently provide enough money to cover major repairs, such as

renewal of the roof, but it has paid for a repair to the clock, a repair to some stonework and for a digital projector and screen to enhance the use of the building by all who use it. When a significant repair is needed funds have to be sought by way of grants, the *Church of England* does not provide the financial resources. Community contributions are important.

FoAS raises money 'in good times' and makes donations to the church authorities 'in bad times'. It has raised money by holding concerts, quizzes, a wine tasting, an astronomy evening, a theatrical production and 'open days' (though the building is open every day!).

If you have other ideas for its use, please get in touch friendsofallsaintscottenham@gmail.com

Future events being planned are a display about the building on **Saturday 16 September** as part of Open Cambridge, a Quiz on **Saturday 7 October**, another

astronomy evening in November (clear skies permitting), concerts by the *Camerata East, Fen Edge Orchestra, Cottenham Brass* and by music students. Look out for posters and notices on social media and the FECA website. Do come and acquaint yourself with the building and what it offers our community.






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FEN EDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Cottenham Fun Run

After a break of three years, Bank Holiday Monday 8 May saw the return of the ever popular *Cottenham 7KM Fun Run* complete with a safer and mainly off-road route and a new start and finish taking place directly outside *Cottenham Village Hall*.

Heavy rain in the days prior, leading to flooding along the route, had threatened the race. Thanks to a last minute change to the closing stages of the route and with the help of a couple of local allotment holders placing barrows of wood chippings in the worst of the puddles, the race was declared good to go.

The weather on the morning of the race was ideal for running with no rain forecast and just a slight cool breeze. Local fitness instructor, Bob Celentano, from *C-Fit* led the warm up. Over 100 runners of all ages lined up at the start while the volunteer marshals were briefed and made their way to their bases around the course.

At 11 am, supported by their carers, the children from *Sunflowers Care Home* sounded the klaxon and the runners were off. They enjoyed using the airhorn so much that the organisers decided to let them take it home with them, but only if they promised to come back and start next year's race!

With medals up for grabs for the fastest men, women, veterans (over 45s) and school-aged children, the runners embraced the challenge and within 25 minutes the first runners were starting to re-enter the recreation ground. The support from the spectators, including the local Guides who helped with refreshments and were the 'official' cheerleaders, was fantastic and there was a real community atmosphere. The runners also reported good support along the route too in Cottenham and Rampton.

The winners and runners-up in each category were:

1st Senior Male – Alfie Pipe 24:23

1st Senior Female – Channa Van Leijsen 32:46

1st Veteran Male – Rob Davis 28:28

1st Veteran Female – Fiona Downie 36:08

1st Junior Male – Adam Wright 30:36

1st Junior Female – Amelie Crawford 36:01



And they're off ...

In addition to the category medals, the *Linda Faben Award* was introduced for the first time this year and will be awarded annually in Linda's memory. Linda, who sadly passed away in April this year, was the Treasurer of *Cottenham Primary School PTCA* and dedicated huge amounts of her time supporting young people and their families. Through her work with the primary school she managed to combine two of her passions: sport and inclusion. The shield, was presented by Linda's husband Nigel, to Logan McGinn for demonstrating the attributes, which Linda held dear, of determination and resilience. It will be housed in the trophy cabinet in the entrance hall of *Cottenham Primary School*. Well done Logan!



Senior Male Winner Alfie Pipe makes his run to the finish line



Senior Female Winner Channa Van Leijsen about to cross the finish line, being given a warm welcome by the local Guides



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COTTENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Summer is here and whilst we are not holding our usual meetings during July and August we will be

restarting our programme on **Wednesday 13 September** as we welcome the author of the novel *No Way Home*, Maggie James. Maggie will be telling us of her adventurous life as the wife of the British Ambassador in Arabia. An interesting evening is guaranteed for us all!

Our meeting on **Wednesday 11 October** will hear Ruth Bramley give us an insight to all aspects of the *Life of a Tudor Lady*.

On **Wednesday 8 November** we will be joined by Jan Cassidy, who is a support worker to prisoners with their health and well-being while away from the outside world.

Wednesday 13 December is Party Time! We will celebrate Christmas and the end of the year by welcoming *The Band of Ukes* to join our Christmas Party. They will make a welcome return and provide us with many good tunes.

A quick reminder that we meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 7.30–9.30 pm at the *Cottenham Village Hall* in Lambs Lane. Visitors are welcome.

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COTTENHAM GARDENERS CLUB

There is no regular meeting in August, but on **Friday 1 August** we have our Evening Drinks Party in the garden of Mick and Helen Saul in Kingfisher Way.

On **Friday 29 September** the talk is, is *Unexpectedly Hardy*, by Tim Fuller, Horticulturist.

On **Friday 27 October**, Danielle Bluff, who is a local lavender grower, will talk about *Lavender Farming – A Labour of Love*.

On **Friday 24 November** we hear about *A Year on a Fruit Farm* by Wendy Jones, a local fruit farmer.

Cottenham Gardeners Club meets at *Franklin Gardens Community Room*, usually on the last Friday of the month, with refreshments served from 7.30pm. A talk follows at 7.45pm and the evening closes with a raffle, with prizes kindly donated by members and committee.

From September, half-price membership is available at £10, lasting until the AGM in February. Visitors can try a single meeting for £3, or £6 for one of the parties where food is included.

For further information please contact Sarah Dumont on 01954 260482.

COTTENHAM AND RAMPTON LUNCH AND SOCIAL CLUB

(Formerly Cottenham Day Centre)

We meet every Tuesday at the *Community Room* in Coolidge Gardens for coffee, bingo or a talk and a freshly cooked two-course lunch. Our members are all of pensionable age. Some members have been in the village for years, some have newly moved to the area. Everyone is warmly welcomed. At the moment we are quite full as we have welcomed quite a few new members recently, but please don't let that put you off as we keep a waiting list and try to get people in as soon as possible.

Later in the summer we will be going for a boat trip on the river run by the *Ladybird Trust*. We are lucky that we have our minibus, with accessible access, so our members can be picked up and dropped off.

We have a fantastic group of volunteers – since the previous *Fen Edge News* we have welcomed 3 new people. We can always do with more, so if you have a bit of time on a Tuesday and would like to get involved, do get in touch.

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their recently installed solar panel system is
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COTTENHAM CRICKET CLUB



By the time you're reading this, the cricket season will be in the home straight but, as I write, we are not yet half way through. Both of our senior teams got promoted last season, so we knew this

summer was going to be much tougher – so it has proved!

The first XI have been scoring well, posting over 200 in each of the last six matches, but that has only proved good enough once. Plenty of time left to pull things round though. Our seconds have had a similarly hard time, but we've been competitive and ran the League leaders very close recently, losing by just one wicket.

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Fingers crossed for both teams in the weeks ahead. As I've said before, as long as everyone is enjoying their cricket and doing their level best for the Club, we're pretty happy.

As regards our juniors, we are well under way with both our *ECB All Stars* and *Dynamos* programmes. These are brilliant activities for boys ages 5–8 and girls ages 8–11 respectively and they've been very successful. Thanks are due to Duncan Robson, Shaun Pepper and Rich Symons for coaching the youngsters for the eight weeks of both programmes.

Also our under-12 squad, actually a mixture of years 5, 6 and 7 youngsters, so really young, is well into its summer term season. They have all improved since last year and, although the opposition can be very tough at times against lots of older and more experienced players,

I've been very pleased with the way they have stood up to things. Fortitude and bravery are certainly tested when a County quick bowler is firing in short balls at your body!! The main aim at this age, though, is to foster a love of the game in all our young players and, with a bit of luck, an exciting and close Ashes series will go some way to helping with that as well!

We have adult net practice, often on Tuesdays, 6–8pm, at the nets behind Cottenham Village College. There are a few weeks to join in there if you feel like giving it a go. You'll be very warmly welcomed, that's for sure. Just contact us to check when it's on that particular week.

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Research shows that there are about 100 families in Cottenham with household incomes above the level where they are entitled to state-subsidised accommodation yet unable to afford a so-called affordable home. Many more need subsidies to supplement their benefits.

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Frank Morris

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